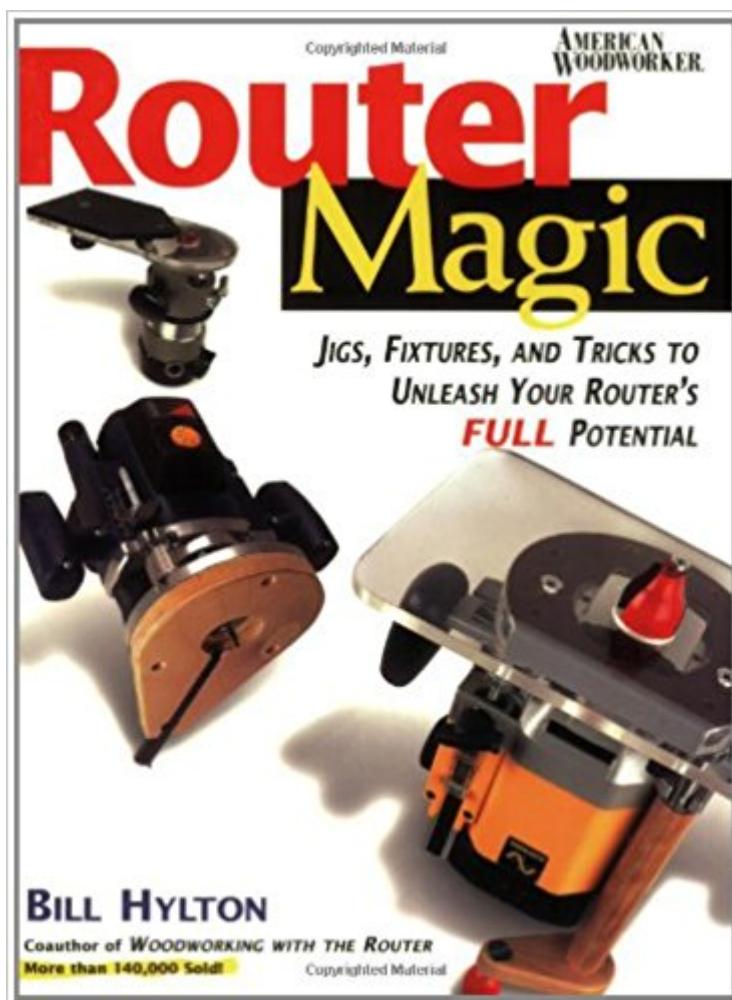


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# Router Magic: Jigs, Fixtures, And Tricks To Unleash Your Router's Full Potential



## Synopsis

From crafting flawless cope-and-stick joints to spinning out custom dowels, this guide demonstrates how to use a router for numerous projects. Using only standard bits, tricks and techniques for more than 50 new jigs and fixtures are presented.

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## Customer Reviews

Bill Hylton has been writing about woodworking for more than 20 years and is the coauthor of *Woodworking with the Router*, which has sold more than 140,000 copies. He lives in Kemptown, Pennsylvania.

For me this is a companion to Hylton's "Router Table" book. Unlike most persons who enjoy woodworking, I do not have a good sense of spatial relations. So I need clear and specific illustrations and photos to go with the clear and specific text. This book has both, abundantly. My experience with a router was many years ago, when we were living in a house we were remodeling because we did not have the money to tear it down and start over. The work I did was practical and necessary -- and I made only limited use of the vast capabilities of a router. Eventually I sold the router and table, but hung onto the bits -- very nice bits, but only 1/4" shanks. Recently, I bought a nice Porter-Cable router with regular base, plunge base, and two collets. "Wow!" I said to myself, "I need a router table." So I bought Hylton's Router Table book. With my limited skills, instead of

making my own table, I decided to get the Bosch router table -- which I really like -- and a set of 1/2" shank bits. Next purchase was "Router Magic". What a book. It has a huge range of information. For someone like me, there are basics, and illustrations of the good results when something is done right, and the bad results when done wrong. There's lots of intermediate stuff, some of which I'm planning to use. And then there's the advanced stuff I'll probably only dream of. Oh, I hope I can really build the router lathe Hylton shows, and do some truly esoteric turnings. Probably no one will use all of the book, because we are all at different levels of proficiency. But whatever your level, you'll find useful info and illustrations here. The book is designed to be used in a shop. It is sturdy, the print is fairly large, and the headings are in bold type (This may seem irrelevant as you read this on your computer; but when you are in the shop, constantly switching your attention between the book and the project you are working on, you'll appreciate it.) A bargain at almost any price.

I have found several very useful ideas in this book. I am sure most of these jigs can be found elsewhere. In fact the author usually tells you where he first saw the idea. There's not a lot new to woodworking! Somebody else has probably already done it, whatever you're referring to. What this book does well is tell you how somebody else made a good jig and several ways to use it. Some people have questioned the age of this book or its b&w photographs. I think the big advantage to this book is that you can find it for such a great price. And yes color photographs are nice, but for 1/4-1/3 the price of newer books (w/the same jigs) I'll save my money and buy a new router bit for my new kick\*\*s router lathe.

This book contains lots of helpful information and plans for making jigs and using your router as a superior workshop MULTI-TOOL.. The last "jig" in this book is by far the most creative use of a router I have seen so far. It's a router lathe built with bicycle parts, that turns your router into a "mini" turning machine capable of handling any length of stock and creating beautiful spiral designs. I don't know much about turning, but I do know machines capable of creating spirals are either extremely expensive, or are moderately priced (\$300) and cheap, with far less options as the homebuilt version.

Llegó en perfectas condiciones.

Great reference book for the beginner. Shows how to build some often used jig and fixtures as well as some advanced items. Building and using these items will increase your skill levels and help you

cut some time off of your project builds. The book contains charts and tables to help perform layout and router operations. A must have for the person just starting out using routers, or for the seasoned woodworker as a reference book.

I own several of this type book and this one is right at the top of the heap, better than most, for the material it provides. The author is thorough and presents the material well, in an easy to follow and understand manner. There are some very interesting jigs and all of them have good instructions, material lists and even parts suppliers. It's a little dated now, but much of the stuff is timeless. Too bad it's out of print because there will always be users that will appreciate this book. It's well worth the money. I'm going to make the horizontal router table extension that he describes, for my table saw, and buy another body for my router, to put opposite my Bench Dog cast iron router table saw extension. That will make a great pair of router tables. Thanks, Mr. Hylton.

This book has been really useful around the workshop. The jigs are all well explained with lots of photos. Even though it's an older publication, the jigs are still relevant. I use this all the time.

This is fun to read. The drawings are detailed and the writing is very well written. There are so many things that I learned by reading this book. It will make you say..."Why did I not think of that before." I have a very good amount of wood working experience and was pleased by how much knowledge this book dropped on me. It will open your mind up to possibilites not just limited to Routers. Even if you have no plans to build any of the jigs, you will certainly learn to think about fabricating other things in your shop to make wood working more accurate. At less than \$12, its hard not to cough up the money for the many hours of reading and brainstorming you will get back from the book-Jason

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